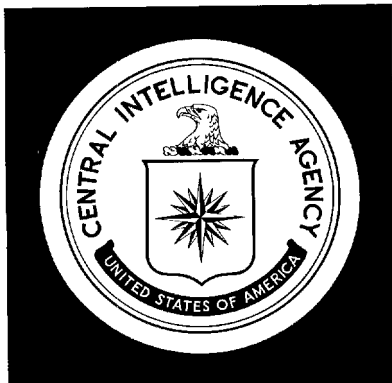


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EGYPT: President Sadat has moved against political opponents who recently submitted a petition critical of his policies.

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Interests Section has received several reports indicating that a number of prominent Egyptians who are friends of Muhyeddin have been placed under house arrest.

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Although Muhyeddin's name was not on the petition, Sadat believes he inspired the document, which called for the formation of a national front to supercede Egypt's established institutions. Referring to the petition in a speech on 14 May, Sadat said that anyone attempting to establish such an organization would be punished.

Muhyeddin and his supporters have been critical of Egypt's relationship with the USSR and Sadat's actions may have been motivated at least in part by a desire to assuage Moscow. Sadat may have been deterred from moving against Muhyeddin directly, however, by the considerable respect he is believed to command from Egypt's military leadership.

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